

If you own property in one of the proposed corridors, please indicate all the existing uses of your property below:

☒ Agriculture ☒ Residential ☐ Conservation Easement
☐ Commercial ☐ Industrial ☐ Other: _____

Please describe any special uses or circumstances on your property that should be considered when assessing the Project. Please indicate the location of your property.

4329 75th St NE Rochester MN 55906 Family Dairy farm. The powerlines are coming right over the building site, but they should follow the property line which is further to the east. This is a family dairy farm that wishes to keep growing and survive future generations and those powerlines can greatly hinder this. This farm has survived many decades and is going on its third generation and these powerlines could eventually put a stop to this successful dairy farm and future family.

In your opinion, what are the most sensitive resources (biological, cultural, recreational, ect.) in the Project area and why?

The most sensitive resources are agricultural in this project area. ~~The~~ The powerlines are jeopardizing the future of our business. The long term effects would be negative because there is no room for expansion and health issues are unknown.

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Your comment has been noted. The criteria used to route the transmission line is described in the Macro Corridor Study which is available on the RUS website at: <http://www.usda.gov/rus/water/ees/eis.htm>. These criteria and routing process will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement. The project is still in the development and planning stages and the utilities have not yet permitted a route for the transmission line.

COMMENT FORM

Public Scoping Meetings

We need your input. Please take a few minutes to provide your comments or questions for the USDA RUS Federal Environmental Impact Statement process and return your completed form today or mail by June 29, 2009. Your comments help in the planning and implementation of the project. **Thank you.**

Completing this form will automatically add you to our mailing list. If you prefer to not be on the mailing list, please check the box below.

☐ I do not wish to be on the project mailing list

Which meeting did you attend? Public Scoping meeting - Plainview, MN

Please check the following issues that are important to you for transmission line siting.

- ☒ Project Purpose and Need
- ☐ Visual / Aesthetic resources
- ☒ Proximity to residences
- ☒ Land use (agriculture) residential, recreation)
- ☐ Water resources (floodplains, river crossings)
- ☐ Biological resources (wildlife habitat, raptors)
- ☐ Historic and cultural sites
- ☐ Radio or television interference
- ☐ Noise
- ☒ Health and safety
- ☒ Other: Powerlines are not following property boundaries

What additional key issues should be addressed when assessing the potential impacts of this project?

We are concerned about the negative effects that these powerlines will have on our dairy operation. The powerlines will be too close to the building sites which can have many detrimental effects on human and animal health and is a major safety issue for a family run farm. The powerlines will also conflict with future manure storage system and additional building. The manure storage system is key to keep a safe environment.

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Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

B-014-003

Your comment has been noted. Socioeconomic impacts to business owners affected by the transmission line will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

B-014-004

Your comment has been noted. Potential impacts to human and livestock health and safety with regard to EMF will be addressed in the Draft Environmental Impact Statement.

B-014-002

In your opinion, was the project description, purpose, and need for the project adequately explained? If not, what additional information is needed?

B-014-001

We understand there is a need to update the electric grid, but we were told the lines would follow property boundaries and existing easements. In our case the line is scheduled to come across the middle of our property which is not only extremely close to farm buildings, but our home as well. There has been no reasons given why the lines are not following the property line.

Please tell us how to reach you.

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Public participation for the Federal, Minnesota, and Wisconsin permitting processes will be ongoing for the Hampton- Rochester- La Crosse 345 kV Transmission Project. If you sign up for the mailing list, you will be notified when opportunities to participate are being planned.

Please plan to continue your involvement in the process and provide your comments. We appreciate your input.